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03/21/2013 Minutes

Arlington Public Art
 DRAFT Meeting minutes 3/21/13 Draft

Present: Jaime Joseph, John Budzyna, Adria Arch, Bill Turville, Jill Manca, Barbara Costa, Dave Ardito, Jane Howard, and Stephanie Marlin-Curiel

1. Bill Turville distributed the minutes of the previous APA meeting on 2/28/13.
2. Per agenda item # 1: Those involved in the George Plimpton event (Friday 3/22) gave the group an update about ticket sales (slow online sales), the program (Abigail almost done), Pasquale Tassone music and the content of the DVD presentation (about 1.5 hours). Barbara requested as much help as people could give on Friday evening.
3. Per agenda item # 2. Jane gave an update on her meeting on 3/18/13 with the Board of Selectman to request their support for Town warrant Article # 23 which proposes the establishment of a Public Art Fund to "facilitate, commission, purchase and maintain temporary and/or permanent works of art in Arlington..." The BoS voted 5-0 to support this article. It was also agreed that donations to this fund will be tax exempt. Jane distributed a list of warrant articles that including Article # 23.
4. Per agenda item # 3. There was a brief update on EcoFest event at the Town Hall.(Saturday 3/23/13 from 10-2 pm). Stephanie and Barbara agreed to people a table there and to distribute APA fliers. Jill agreed to help with set up including picking up and delivering a recycled chair that Jaime has created.
5. Per agenda item # 4. Adria gave a brief update on the upcoming 2013 Chairful 2 APA fundraising event. Rose is contacting local businesses to match funds that APA raises through this event. Adria will meet with Rose to discuss details of the event including awards, and businesses to contact.
6. Per agenda item # 5. Designer, Nilou Moochhala has volunteered to design the sign for the mural at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club.

Misc.

There was some discussion about the demise of the painted mural that has existed for many years on a building in front of the MBTA bus terminal on Mass Ave. in Arlington Heights. It was agreed that the APA, the Arlington Cultural Council and the Arlington Cultural Commission will draft a public statement that raises the issue about the need for a process for the removal, destruction or alteration of public art in any location in the town. Stephanie agreed to write a first draft of this letter and this will be circulated for amendments in the near future to all three groups.

It was announced that the new wine and liquor store, Mystic Wine Shoppe, has created an area for the display of artwork on one of its walls. Adrienne Landry is the first painter and her work is currently on display.

Adria has contacted Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine, for his general approval of the "transformer" project that would result in the decoration of certain electrical transformer boxes around town.

Stephanie brought forth the idea for a mural on a white building across from the CVS and Monotomy Grill in East Arlington. The consensus was that the APA generally supported the idea but would not become directly involved in 2014.

General announcements:

Very Special Arts event is May 14, 2013

Arlington High School Spring Art Exhibit April 3-10. Reception April 3, 6-8 pm. Teachers' Café at AHS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21